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UGLY SPANIARDS.

They Thirst for the Blood of Our People Don't Like the United States.

AMERICANS IN HAVANA UNEASY.

They Would Like to Have Fighting Bob Evans with His Warship Near That City--Maceo's Death Discredited.

Havana, Dec 11, via Key West.—(Copyright 1896 by the New York Journal.)—The few Americans in Havana are in constant dread. They believe that their lives are in danger.

A gentleman connected with the Diario de la Marina newspaper told me that the gist of President Cleveland's message had been received by the Havana newspapers, but that the censor had prohibited publication, fearing that the warning to Spain to cease butchering would inflame the populace and cause attacks on Americans. Mr Burgess, who has been here for years, and who is one of the nerviest men ever born under the stars and stripes, says that the situation is graver than it has ever been before.

Joe Springer, who has been in the American consulate office for twenty-six years and is now acting consul general, intimated to me yesterday morning that he wished Secretary Carlisle had accepted the proposition of Captain Evans ("Fighting Bob") to come to Havana with the battleship Indiana to buy a box of cigars. Mr Springer suggested that the Americans in the city would be overjoyed if Captain Evans was still selecting the brand of tobacco and his ship was at anchor in Havana. I was with a small party of Americans last night in the Cafe du Hotel Inglaterra, a leading hotel. Two of the party speak Spanish. Nearly all the chairs around the small tables in the cafe were occupied by civilians and military officers, including some common soldiers, who had attended the bull fight during the day. Many copies of La Lucha supplement, which contained the account of the reported death of Maceo, were being read and discussed. Suddenly one of the Americans said to the gentlemen with him

"Did you hear that? Let's get out of here."

On the sidewalk he explained that the group of Spaniards who were sitting near us had in the course of the conversation remarked

"We ought to kill the American pigs, as soon as we have killed Maceo. If the rebels had no sympathizers in the United States we would have ended this war long ago."

The gentleman who translated that Spanish epigram explained that those who were so fortunate as to have a right to claim protection under the American flag were always designated by the term "pigs."

Louis Silva, who is in Havana in the interest of a large pump manufacturing house, with offices in New York, says he notices a feeling of unrest among the Spanish people which he never observed before, and he has made several trips to Havana during the last seventeen years. Mr Silva says the government made a mistake when it allowed that bull fight yesterday—that it helped to raise the bloodthirsty proclivities of the rabble

The character of the Spanish rabble can best be described by citing an incident of yesterday's bull fight. Three bulls had been killed in accordance with the recognized formula The fourth bull was either so tame or tired that the professional matadores refused to kill it and went home. The mob then tore up the benches and threw them with bottles and stones into the ring at the bull. The animal finally ran into its stall and the police locked the stable doors. The police were brushed aside by the mob, which clambered from the seats to the ring. The bull was again driven into the inclosure and tormented and tortured It was beaten with sticks, stabbed and struck on all portions of its body with machetes by military officials, hit on the head and neck with a hoe, its nose cut off, and one of its eyes gouged out. Then the poor brute was caught by the tail and thrown. In an instant the mob, which numbered fully 200 swarmed on the beast and mutilated it in a frightful manner. The head was then cut off and carried through the streets All this time fifty police were drawn up in line outside the grounds.

A Cuban, though a loyal Spaniard, told me last night that the government officials evidently did not believe in the reported death of Maceo, else the news would have been given out at the palace; that the report was disseminated to appease the Spanish people and give them something to talk about, take their minds off rioting, and let them think that the government would soon end the rebellion. It is singular that Maceo according to the report, was killed near Punta Brava and that Weyler telegraphed to Havana yesterday from Artemisa for reinforcements, saying that he had Maceo hemmed in and wanted to crush out the insurgents at once. But the Spaniards have wonderful powers.

Maceo Still Alive.

Paris. Dec. 11.—Betacha, representing the Cuban insurgents in this city says he learns from an authoritive source that Maceo is still alive.

SPANISH CLAIMS NOT TENABLE

United States Not Responsible for Damage Caused by Filibusters.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The secretary of state recently called on the attorney general for an opinion with regard to Spanish claims against the United States for damages wrought by filibustering expeditions organized in the United States in aid of the cause of the insurgents. In his reply the attorney general says that international law takes no account of a mere insurrection confined within the limits of a country, and he finds that the rules of international law with respect to belligerent and neutral rights and duties do not apply to the present Cuban insurrection. The attorney general says:

"The mere sale or shipment of arms and munitions of war by persons in the United States to persons in Cuba is not a violation of international law, however strong a suspicion there may be that they are to be used in the insurrection against the Spanish government Individuals in the United States have a right to sell such articles and ship them to whomsoever may choose to buy them. The goods, and sometimes the ship carrying them, are subject to seizure by the government within whose jurisdiction they may go, if its domestic law says regulations are violated, but international law imposes no duty upon our government with respect to such transactions. The shipment or carriage of such articles to Cuba does not become a violation of international law merely because they are not destined to a port there which is recognized by the Spanish government as open to commerce, nor because they are to be or are landed by stealth. If, however, the persons supplying or carrying arms and ammunition from a place in the United States are in anywise parties to design that force shall be employed against the authorities of Spain, and when men with hostile purposes toward the Spanish government shall also be taken on board and transported in furtherance of such purpose, the enterprise is not commercial, and is in violation of international law and the United States statutes.

"The duty of the United States when a state of war is declared or recognized by another country, is, of its own motion, to use diligence to discover and prevent within its borders the formation or departure of any military expedition intended to carry on or take part in such war. The executive has no right to interfere with the judiciary in proceedings against persons charged with being concerned in hostile expeditions against friendly nations. The president may employ military and naval force to disperse or prevent a departure from our territory of expeditions, but it is plain that such means are practical only when there has been defiance of the authority of the government by an organized body of men. Our government possesses all the attributes of sovereignty with respect to the present subject and has for their exercise the proper agencies, which are recognized among nations, but our constitution forbids the arbitrary use of power when the liberty or property of individual citizens is involved. It can not, therefore, resort to some measures which are still possible in some other countries. But I do not think that it can be held chargeable with lack of diligence for not taking steps which would be inconsistent with the principles on which all republics are founded."

Jailed for Arson.

Arcola, Ill., Dec. 11.—"Hodge" Deihl was brought here from Tipton, Ind., and at a preliminary hearing was bound over to the Douglas county grand jury. Deihl has confessed that he caused the series of fires at this place this summer. He was in jail here a week ago, but was rescued by friends, who held the officers at bay while they hammered the lock off the door.

Mine Cave-In.

Yuma, Cal., Dec. 11.—News from Hodges, say a cavein occurred in the Queen mine last night and several miners lost their lives and others were injured. Reports are meagre, but it is understood that four miners are entombed, with no chance of escape, and four or five of the resoned are baldy injured.

Weather Probabilities.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Fair tonight and Saturday; slight change of temperature; fresh southerly winds.

VENEZUELA HALTS.

May Withhold Its Consent to the Agreement Between the United States and Great Britain.

FACTS WERE MISREPRESENTED.

Would Rather Lose All by Force Than Agree to the Present Terms—Complications May Mean Trouble.

Caracas, Dec 11.—Senor Andrade, minister to the United States, and Mr. Storrow, counsel for the government in the boundary dispute, will remain here for the present. The official reason given for this change of program is that the documents relating to the question, including the memorandum upon which a treaty between this country and Great Britain will be based, are in an incomplete state. This reason, however, is regarded by the public as explaining only half the situation. It is said that the minister to the United States and the Venezuelan counsel are detained here to await developments of a very important character.

There is, in fact, a strong feeling in the popular mind against excluding Venezuela from direct representation on the arbitration tribunal which will be appointed to determine the boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana.

This sentiment has been augmented by a letter from Senor Thomas Michelena, formerly minister to Great Britain, published in the press of Caracas. The words of Senor Michelena have caused a sensation. He says that the solution of the Anglo-Venezuelan imbroglio proposed by the United States is in reality a perversion of the main points at issue, and does not fulfill the promises originally made to the government of Venezuela.

Senor Michelena says further that the heads of the proposed treaty show conclusively that it is constructed wholly upon a combination of Anglo-American interests. In not recognizing Venezuela as a sovereign state, Senor Michelena declares, the United States and Great Britain insult the southern republic.

He concludes with the statement that it would be far better for Venezuela to lose all forcibly than to agree to the present terms of the protocol.

The Latest Developements.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Herald's correspondent at Caracas cables that the Venezuela minister to the United States who was to leave for Washington at once with the cabinet's approval of the boundary agreement negotiated with Great Britain by the United States, postponed departure. Great popular opposition has been aroused against the agreement and it is said Venezuela will withhold its consent.

The News in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Unofficial reports from Venezuela to the effect that serious agitation has sprung up against the boundary settlement as agreed on between the United States and Great Britain has caused much surprise and no little concern in official quarters here. Minister Andrade was to have sailed for the United States yesterday, and cabled Secretary Olney that President Crespo had approved the convention and would call a special session of congress to ratify it. It is feared the agitation against the settlement will embarrass and possibly imperil final adjustment. There may be no extra session, as the regular session convenes February 20. The Venezuelan papers received here give no clue but seem to be under government enforcement.

Fell Dead While Singing.

Duluth, Minn , Dec. 11.—Miss Mae Kelly fell dead last night at a Catholic fair just as she had begun singing, "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep." Women fainted and a scene of almost terror ensued. The fair was being held for the benefit of the sisters of St. Benedict.

Survivors of the Rajah Arrive.

Swansea, Wales, Dec. 11.—The ship Springwell arrived this morning bringing two of the survivors of the German ship Rajah, which capsized Wednesday at the entrance to Bristol Channel. Nineteen of the Rajah's crew were drowned.

Another Bank Fails.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The First National banks closed its doors as the result of a run. It is said depositors will get all their money. Individual deposits, $118,267; demand certificates, $16,039; rediscounts, $19,678.

The Six Days Bicycle Race.

New York, Dec. 11. The leading scores in the bicycle races are: Hale, 1456 miles; Forester, 1438; Rice, 1416; Reading, 1407; Schock, 1375; Talyor, 1369; Smith, 1350; Pierce, 1314; Moore, 1308.

SHOT HIMSELF THREE TIMES.

Medical Student from Illinois Commits Suicide at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Dec. 11.—Three pistol shots in rapid succession alarmed the vicinity of Central avenue and Chestnut street at 10:30 yesterday morning. It was the same neighborhood in which Father Dominick O'Grady shot and killed pretty Mary Gilmartin three years ago, and a crowd of several hundred people quickly gathered on the scene. The shots came from the boarding house at 420 Chestnut street, conducted by Mrs. Shugart. The shots came from the front room on the second floor, occupied jointly by Henry Van Doren and B. R. Parsons, both of whom are medical students in attendance at the Eclectic Medical college.

The police found the door of the room locked, and when they forced it open they found Van Doren lying on the floor, three bullet holes in his head and a revolver with three empty cartridges by his side. He was still conscious but unable to talk, and he was taken to the city hospital. He stood in front of the mirror of his dresser and fired three shots, two of which penetrated the middle of the forehead and the third one lodged near the right temple. Any one of the three shots is necessarily fatal. The cause of his action is a mystery. He left a hastily written note on a table by his side which simply read:

"I owe B. P. Parsons $5. Henry Van Doren."

Van Doren's father is a wealthy farmer at Buckingham, Ill , and his brother is a practicing physician at Saybrook, Ill. His relatives were notified by telegraph.

SHIPS LOST.

The Peer Wrecked on Salvan Bay and the Sailer Near the Spanish Coast—Many Lives Lost.

London, Dec. 11.—The ship, British Peer, bound for Capetown and Portland, Oregon, was wrecked on Salvan Bay, South Africa. It is believed that fourteen persons perished.

The Sailer Lost,

Corunna, Spain, Dec. 11.—The Italian steamer, Sailer, is believed to have foundered off the Spanish coast in a recent gale. There were 210 passengers on board. The crew numbered 65 all on board, passengers and crew perished. The passengers consisted of 113 Russians, 35 Galicians, 61 Spaniards and one German. The passengers were mostly steerage.

Terrible Loss of Life in the Sailer.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—A dispatch from Corunna says it is true the steamer Sailer left Antwerp with only 210 passengers but it embarked more at various Spanish ports and the correspondent estimates the number of victims at 400 to 500.

Woman Kills Her Assailant.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Grace Dolan, a comely white woman, about 24 years old, shot and killed Henry Jackson, a young negro porter, employed at the New York store, at 6:30 o'clock last evening at her home on Liberty street Her husband was away from home and a friend Emma Ott, was staying with her. The negro, whom they had never seen before, tried to climb into a window, but Mrs. Dolan beat him off with a curtain pole. He returned, but by this time she had secure a revolver and frightened him off with a threat to shoot.

Then they thought he had gone the woman ran out to give the alarm, but found him rushing back to the house armed with a brick, which he threw at them. Before they had time to close the door behind them he forced his way into the house. Miss Ott handed Mrs. Dolan the revolver, and she fired three shots, all of which took effect, killing him instantly. She was placed under arrest, but will probably be released.

Corbett's Challenge.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Harry Corbett is in receipt of a long telegram from Jim Corbett, authorizing him to make every effort to get on a match with Fitzsimmons, and as a result, Harry Corbett is out with the following:

"Corbett will meet Fitzsimmons before the Olympic club for from five to twenty rounds and for a side bet of from $1000 to $10,000, and for any purse offered The size of the purse can be $10,000 or $15,000. In order to show his readiness to fight Corbett will not insist on a side bet In regard to the selection of a referee, Corbett is willing to leave the appointment to W. Greer Harrison and Major McLaughlin."

A Paper Debarred from the Mails.

Washington, Dec 11.—The Interstate Tracer, a paper run in Marshalltown, Iowa, publishing a big list of debtors throughout the country, has been barred from the mails under the fraud order.

Operators and Employes Disagree.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—The joint committee of railroad coal miners and operators reported to the convention today that they were unable to agree on rates. A strike will probably follow

Tillman May Get Him.

Washington, Dec. 11 —President Cleveland will leave tomorrow or Sunday for a ten-days' shooting in South Carolina waters.

J. S. COXEY REBELS.

He Denounces the Populist Party as a Fraud and Leaves It,

REFUSES TO CHASE RAINBOWS.

Illinois Corn Yield—Suicide of Mrs. Cooper and Daughter in San Francisco—Were Once Friends of Dr. Brown.

Massillon, Ohio, Dec. 11.—J. S. Coxey has issued an open letter to Marion Butler, national chairman of the People's party, denouncing that party as disgraced and sold out to "an issue so insignificant as silver."

"I decline" he says, "to help chase the rainbows of election frauds in Ohio, but hereby announce my resignation as a member of the national committee. I once left the Democratic party and now find, in order to be out of it for sure, I must now leave the once grand, but now disgraced, People's party. This is done in deep sorrow and with the hope that I may join that party soon, to which the hope of the republic must look for succor from the financial and industrial ills."

Illinois Corn Yield.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 11.—The official report in a bulletin issued by the state board of agriculture shows that the corn yield this year is 288,500,000 bushels, an average of 42 bushels to the acre. Average price, 18 cents. This is the largest yield in the history of the state except in 1879 when it reached over 300,000,000 bushels.

SUICIDE OF MRS AND MISS COOPER

Two Prominent San Francisco Women Take Their Lives as the Result of the Brown Scandal.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Sarah H. Cooper and daughter, Harriott, were found dead at their home this morning with the gas turned on and every evidence of suicide. Mrs Cooper was president of the kindergarten association and her daughter was deputy superintendent. Mrs Cooper lived here thirty years and was widely known as an educator and philanthropist writer. She was president of the Women's Press association; president of the Woman's Suffrage association and was prominent as an officer of the Woman's Christian Temperance union. For many years she taught the largest bible class in the city, numbering several hundred adults in the West Congregational church. She also was assistant pastor under Rev. Dr. C O. Brown, whose name recently was so unpleasantly connected with that of Mattie Overman and other members of his flock. In her will Mrs. Cooper requests that the bodies shall not be taken to the morgue. The Coopers lived entirely alone except a Chinese cook, who has been in their employ for twenty years. He has not yet been found. When the scandal of Dr. Brown was first mooted, Mrs. Cooper stood by him, but later developments caused her to change her mind and she and her daughter became among his most prominent opponents and accusers. This estranged many of their old friends and the suicide of mother and daughter is ascribed to brooding over the coldness and snubs which followed.

The Gold Standard Democrats.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—The first meeting of the executive committee of the gold standard Democratic party since the election was held yesterday afternoon. Hon. W. B. Bynum, chairman of the national committee, was heartily congratulated. The general feeling is in favor of maintaining the organization. It is probable that Bynum will be continued at the head of the committee and will be authorized to push the work of the organization with special effort to the building up of a great national party in 1900

One of the Defendants Dies.

London, Dec. 11.—Frederick Kast, one of the defendants in the libel suit by Earl Russell against his mother-in-law, Lady Scott, died in the Holloway jail this morning.

Building Collapses,

Madrid, Dec. 11.—Dispatches from Jarez announces that a large building collapsed today burying over one hundred persons. Eleven bodies have already been recovered.

More for Brigham.

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Dec 11.—The Ohio state grange adopted resolutions recommending Hon. J. H. Brigham, of Ohio, for secretary of agriculture.

Steam Ship Boiler Explodes.

Marseilles, Dec. 11.—The steamship Saghalien exploded its boilers a short distance from Hong Kong killing several stokers.

U S. MARSHAL BRINTON.

Won't Accept Chairmanship of Democratic Committee and Criticises Altgeld and 16 to 1.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—United States Marshall W. B. Brinton came up from Tuscola yesterday, and incidentally it developed that there is a strong movement on foot looking to his election to the chairmanship of the Democratic state committee. It is claimed by those behind the movement that his election would result in harmonizing the warring elements in the committee and party and bring them all together once more. It is declared that with the election of either Hinrichsen or Andrews there is little prospect of closing the existing breach, and that it behooves all good Democrats to get together if the party is ever to be successful again.

It is known that Brinton is acceptable to Hinrichsen, and it is asserted that, even should the governor hold out for Andrews, there are several committeemen who have been counted on as certain to act in accordance with his wishes who would break away from him and vote for Brinton.

Brinton in an interview after saying he could not accept the position for business reasons, he spoke of Altgeld's activity in the organization of the committee.

"The governor's attitude in this matter," he said, "is nothing more nor less than an insult to the members of the state committee, for it is tantamount to saying there is no one of them who is capable of filling the place of chairman and that it is necessary to go outside to find such a man. If the governor wants the place, why doesn't he come out openly and say so? Why does he persist in hiding behind the class of a men who are standing with him in this matter?"

"The governor is simply courting defeat in trying to force the election of Andrews. I like Andrews well enough personally, but he is not the man for the chairmanship of the state committee.

"Personally, I am for Adlai Stevenson. He, in my mind, would be the best choice that could be made.

"I am friendly to Hinrichsen, as everybody knows, and should be glad to vote for him, but I believe that in the present situation Mr. Stevenson is the man for the place. Hinrichsen went to the governor and offered to get out of the way in favor of Stevenson, Fithian, or any other good man, and tried to fix up some compromise with him, but he would not hear to anything but Andrews.

"The governor has allowed himself to be surrounded and influenced by a lot of small fry politicians.

"They are in a line with the long-haired, cranky element which is still shouting about 16 to 1. I see they are going to have Mr. Bryan here Jan. 8, and a lot of other speakers, who will sing the praises of 16 to 1. It is the wildest idiocy. I staid with the party and helped fight the issue out, but I believe I know when I have got enough. The business and other influential interests of the county are against free silver at 16 to 1, and for the Democratic party to continue to urge that as an issue is to invite a more overwhelming defeat the next time it asks for the suffrages of the people of this country."

A Carpented Killed.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—George Veit, a carpenter 21 years of age, fell four stories yesterday morning at the Holland building, now in course of erection on North Seventh, between Pine and Olive streets. He received injuries from which he died at the Merchants' and Mechanics' hospital, Ninth street and Chouteau avenue, a few minutes later. Veit was working upon frame work of the building at will be the fourth floor at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He was walking along the iron beams, and stepped upon a loose board. The board turned up, and Veit plunged headlong into the basement, nearly 75 feet below. He struck some of the joists in falling and fractured his skull. The plank also fell and struck Thomas Wind, a laborer, living at 1217 O'Fallon street, upon the foot, breaking several of the small bones. Both of the men were taken to the Merchants' and Mechanics' hospital. Veit was unmarried and lived at 705 South Fourth street.

Duluth Bank Fails.

West Superior, Wis., Dec. 11.—The National Bank of Commerce at Duluth failed this morning. A notice on the door says the bank expects to pay its depositors at an early date. The bank had a capital of $200,000 and had a surplus of $80,000. Its individual deposits were $67,740; demand certificate deposits, $29,528, rediscounts, $40,000.

Got Eighth Place.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 11.—President Hickory of the Western Baseball Association, has awarded the eighth place in the association for the next year to Quincy, Ill.

Bank Failure.

Columbiana, Ohio, Dec. 11 —The private banking house of Johnathan & Company failed yesterday. Assets $200,000; due depositors $165,000.

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What will the Turk do next?

If the Texas won't float why not put pneumatic tires on the war ship and run her as a free silver craft?

The people long to read another message from a Republican president. They will not be required to await long that pleasure after the fourth of next March.

If it is true that Mrs. Lease will lose her home by the foreclosure of a mortgage Mr. Lease can take his wife's advice when she exclaimed in the late campaign, "To your tents, O, Israel."

It does not occur to Spain that her fulsome rejoicing over the death of Maceo may be regarded by the civilized world as an unwitting compliment to the hero who fought for freedom.

If Antonio Maceo is dead then both he and his brother Jose have given their lives for Cuba. If two such men can lay down their lives for Cuba and thousands of others including many women with them, then, in the name of liberty, why should not we recognize the patriots as belligerents and give them a show in their fight for liberty?

The Chicago Tribune: A Milwaukee constable in the ordinary discharge of his duties has become the temporary custodian of two trained lions, a weasel, four wolves and "a strange bird with scarlet and blue tail feathers, a long beak and a glittering, bad eye." The constable is kept in a state of continual apprehension by the bird with a bad eye, and is anxious to find out what kind of a creature it is. If his description is accurate we should say it is an allegorical incarnation of the "crime of '73."

Perhaps the most unfortunate position taken by President Cleveland on the Cuban question in his recent message was the statement that the Cubans had not established a potent provisional government and that the only power exercised on the island was by the Spanish government. In this case, assuming that the president was correct, in the light of present conditions the assumption is not consistent. It is clearly demonstrated that Spain cannot and has not governed the people of Cuba and the Cubans themselves could do no worse. Give them a chance.

Some Pops in New Mexico want to borrow English capital to develop the territory, but there is a law prohibiting aliens from owning realty in the territory. That law was enacted at the instance of the Popocrats but they have discovered it is a bad law and detrimental to the development of the territory. They have made an attempt to repeal that inhibition in the act but congress has refused to pass the repealing bill. It is well enough to give such people plenty of their own medicine. Give it to them until they learn that no new country can be developed without borrowing money.

Maceo's Loss Not Irreparable.

The Chicago Tribune: The report that General Antonio Maceo had been killed was received with rejoicing in Spain entirely out of proportion to the effect of the incident on the Cuban insurrection. Even if it should prove that this time his "death" is final, Spain would have no cause for such an exuberant outburst of thanksgiving, as if the war were ended. Maceo has proved himself to be a commander of marked ability and the loss of his genius and strategic skill would be serious to the Cuban forces, but it would not be in any sense a decisive factor in the contest.

The death of no one man can determine the fate of an uprising which has behind it the hearts of the people. Maceo's death would not stop this war. Some other man would be pressed forward into his place. This is a last stand for freedom by a people oppressed and downtrodden by the rule of a cruel and despotic government, and no individual or set of individuals controls the patriotism of the Cuban army, which will create new leaders, new generals, new strategists by the power of its widespread enthusiasm and the justice of its cause as fast as the Spanish army may shoot down the old ones. The same situation arose frequently in the war of the rebellion. Leaders and commanders of great public reputation fell in battle and were replaced in most cases successfully by men who were previously unknown to the mass of the people or the armies. This was a common experience in nearly all wars. If Maceo or Gomez or any other of the present leaders of the Cuban patriots is killed, or if all of the present leaders are killed, the Cuban forces will fight on under new leaders until the Cuban army is annihilated or Spain gives up the contest. This war is to a finish and all the indications point to a finish that will bring freedom at last to Cuba.

Where's Mother?

[From the London Mail.]

Bursting in from school or play,
This is what the children say;
Trooping, crowding, big and small,
On the threshold, in the hall –
Joining in the constant cry,
Ever as the days go by,
"Where's mother?"

From the weary bed of pain
This same question comes again,
From the boy with sparkling eyes,
Bearing home his earliest prize
From the bronzed and bearded son
Perils past and honors won—
"Where's mother?"

Burdened with a lonely task,
One day we may vainly ask
For the comfort of her face,
For the rest of her embrace,
Let us love her while we may,
Well for us that we can say,
"Where's mother?"

THE POET.

JAMES REED DILLS.

A wanderer— in an alien land,
Then who should take him by the hand?
Not his the fault, as on he tends,
If on his face some sign offends—
Some mark of deed, distinct and high,
Revealed by carriage, lip and eye,
For, to inheritance but true,
As Bard, he e'en must be and do,
And who hath prouder gift and art
Than he, of Nature and the Heart?
An alien—this thou seem'st to tell
But let thy query silent dwell,
Not thine to judge, nor thine to care,
His DRESS? Thou fool, his Soul's his air.
Pass on then, Stranger, hold thy peace,
And leave him to his loved release,
To tread with introspective eye,
His way 'mid throngs, unconsciously,
Born Prince!—not Folly's—Nature's, and
A wanderer in an alien land.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

—"I don't like our doctor," said Willie. "I went and caught a cold bad enough to keep me home from school for two weeks, and the mean old doctor cured me in less'n two days."—Tit-Bits.

—"Uncle George, what is a valedictory?" "It's the farewell address the girl graduate reads to her weeping classmates the night before she packs her trunk to visit among them all summer."—Chicago Record.

—"Don't you get awfully tired doing nothing all the time?" asked the young man who thought himself interested in sociology. "Mister," answered Peary Pattetic, "I git so tired doin' nothin' that I can't do nothin' else."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

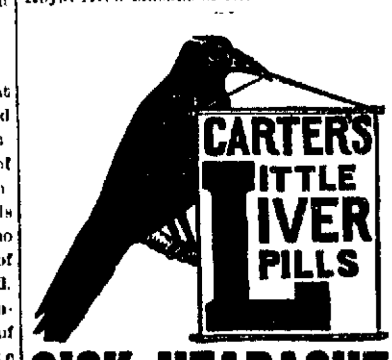
—Mistress—"Well, Bridget, how is your husband?" Washerwoman—"Sure, an' he's all used up, mum." Mistress—"Why, what ails him?" Washerwoman—"Indade, thin, mum, last night he had sich bad dreams that he couldn't slape a wink all night, mum."—Harlem Life.

—Miss Summit—"Mr. Travers just sent me these lovely violets. He is so generous, and I know he couldn't afford it. The poor, dear boy, I don't see where he gets his money from." Dashaway (savagely)—"I know where he got the money from in this case."—Harlemite.

– Dropped with a Dull Thud.—"And are you really the gentleman who writes those funny things for the morning paper?" asked the ingenuous girl. "I am," admitted the humorist, with as much modesty as he could command. "There is one thing I would like to know. What makes you put the name of some other paper after the very funniest ones?" Cincinnati Enquirer.

The young man who is studying medicine [illegible] a fondness for that pursuit which [illegible] not surpass [illegible] the devotion to his bicycle. He found the tire very much collapsed, and a member of his family remarked: "You had better pump it up right away." "Yes," was the reply, "I shall immediately proceed to give it a hypodermic injection of atmosphere." Washington Star.

Rev. J. E. Artz, of Jacksonville, has been appointed grand chaplain to the Royal Arch Masons of Illinois.



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STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY,

In the Circuit Court, Macon County.

A. T. Risley vs. Percy Wandell et al. No. 15,787
Bill to foreclose mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, December 29th, 1896,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold being described as follows to-wit: Beginning at the center of the southeast quarter of section No. thirty-four (34) in township No. sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, thence west fifteen (15) chains, thence north twelve (12) chains, thence east fifteen (15) chains thence south twelve (12) chains to the place of beginning, containing eighteen (18) acres situated in the county of Macon, in the State of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 5th day of December, 1896.
JAMES J. FINN,
Master in Chancery.
W. E. Redmond, Sol. [Dec 7-d4d

THAT LUMP in a man's stomach which makes him irritable and miserable and unfit for business or pleasure is caused by indigestion. Indigestion, like charity, covers a multitude of sins. The trouble may be in stomach, liver, bowels. Wherever it is, it is caused by the presence of poisonous, refuse matter which Nature has been unable to rid herself of, unaided. In such cases, wise people send down a little health officer, personified by one of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, to search out the seat of trouble and remove the cause. One little "Pellet" will remove a very big lump and act as a gentle laxative. Two "Pellets" are a mild cathartic. A short "course" of "Pellets" will cure indigestion *permanently*. It will *cure* constipation. After that, you can stop taking them. A good many pills act so violently as to derange the system, and in its disordered state, digestion will not go on without a continued use of the pills. That's the worst feature of most pills. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets never make slaves of their users.

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By virtue of an execution to me directed delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of Hayes Pump Planter Company and against Walter E. Walker, I have levied upon the following described property, to wit: An undivided one-half interest in lot three (3), in block two (2) in Oakland Place, also, an undivided one-half interest in lot one (1), block two (2) of Kamm's Addition to the City of Decatur. Taken as the property of the said Walter E. Walker which I shall offer at public sale at north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county in said state, on the 9th day of December, A. D., 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 18th day of November, A. D. 1896.
J. P. NICHOLSON,
Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.
Nov 18-d4d

EXECTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of William Florey, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of William Florey, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county at the court house in Decatur, at the February term on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this [illegible] December, [illegible]
SHELBY [illegible] Executor
[illegible]

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$13.00 Novelty Dress Patterns, sale price $11.48 each.

Fine Croise Silk Velvet, 27 different shades and black, the $1.25 grade at Gushard's for 89c.

36-inch Fine All Wool Novelty Dress Goods at 25c a yard.

66-inch half bleach Table Damask, all linen and a good 75c value; we show at 50c a yard.

In Jackets and Capes we are simply making things stormy in this department; $15.00 Jackets for $9.48; $18.00 Jackets cut to $11.90, $20.00 Jackets cut to $12.48 Capes are being cut in like manner. We have done a very satisfactory Cloak business and are now ready to clean out every garment in the house at cut prices sizes 38, 40. 42, and 44, at just one half regular price

20 dozen Gushard's Special Corset, a good 75c corset for 50c.

Take a peep at our Handkerchief Department, and see what you can buy for 3c. 5c, 7½c, 8½c, 10c, 12½c, 15c 18c, 20c, 25c.

We show three complete lines of manufacturers sample Mittens for Misses, Ladies' and Children. Our prices on them while they last are just about one half of regular stock. See what we show at 10c, 15c, 20c, and 25c

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10 dozen Ear Muffs, 3c pair.

See our Record Breaker in Boys' Bicycle Hose, size 6 to 8½, 2 pair for 25c.

Children's Heavy Seamless Wool Hose, size 6½ to 9, goods that sell everywhere but here at 25c, our price 15c a pair straight.

See our 4-thread Silk Fleeced Ladies Underwear, 75c goods, cut to 50c a garment.

33 dozen Ladies' 4-thread Silk Fleeced Union Suits good value at $1.48, Oneita style, price cut to 95c suit

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The Old Reliable Combination, per lb.	30c
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Sauer Kraut, per gallon	15c
Homemade Mince Meat, 3 lbs	25c
2 gal. buckets Syrup	50c
Silver Drips Syrup, per gal	30c
4 packages American Rolled Oats.	25c
Bulk Oat Meal, 3c per lb; 10 lbs. for	25c
Cranberries, 2 quarts 15c; 4 quarts,	25c
Oyster Crackers, per lb	5c
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The $15 kind for $10; the $10 kind for $6.75; the $8 kind for $5; the $5 kind for $3.50; the $3.60 for $2.50.

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MEN'S OVERCOATS, " " " " Satin Lined	$13.00, $15.00
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At $6.50, in Cheviots, blue, black, grey and brown; good wearers.

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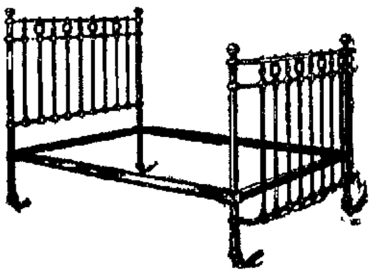

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Put on your thinking caps and guess how cold it will be at noon, 12 o'clock Christmas Day. To the first person who sends us the nearest guess we will give the Peafowl on exhibition in our show window, and $5.00 worth of any goods you may select in our store.

Anybody can guess—men, women and children. You don't have to buy a cent's worth unless you wish; we are liberal in our methods, and when we give anything we do not tie a rope to it to pull it back.

Your guess must be written on a printed blank which will be furnished FREE by us on application. Each person is entitled to one guess each day. Guesses must be in by 6 p. m. December 24th.
Mail applications for guess cards must be accompanied by 2c stamp.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Christmas two weeks fr m today.

An anti-horse thief supper was given at Fairbury.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. mch 25-dtf

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

The county board wound up its business today for the December term.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for $1.60. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

Mama eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

Felt boots and overs at Waggoner & Co.'s for $1.90.

Bulk perfumes and atomizers for Christmas, low prices at West's drug store.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols died at Blue Mound yesterday of lung fever, aged 5 months.

John Sharrock, aged 75 years, uncle of Representative James A. Sharrock, died at Tower Hill on Wednesday.

Fairbury, the 18-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Towner, caught his finger in a wringer and mashed it so badly that it had to be amputated.

In the county court yesterday Judge Hammer fined Bob Athey and George Francis $10 and costs each for disturbing the Salvation Army meeting.

The Anheuser-Busch Brewing company are likely to buy the old Peoria House property in Peoria, and erect an opera house and hotel on the site.

The executive committee of the Western Union Telegraph company recommended the declaration of the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent by the full board of directors at yesterday's meeting

The members of the Woodman band by invitation were at the tabernacle last night to enjoy the Goodman band concert. The Woodman band will give a concert and dance at Gebhart's hall on Dec 16. Members of Goodman's band have been invited to be present on that occasion

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kinsman have received word from them that they are on their way home and that they will probably be here Monday afternoon. Mrs. S. B. Hinde, of St. Louis, a sister of Mrs. Kinsman, will arrive here Monday morning and prepare the house for their return.

The Sons of Veterans gave an entertainment and dance at G. A. R. hall last night. A short musical program was given and was followed by a dance of seventeen numbers. The hall was crowded, over 150 people being present. Maxwell's orchestra furnished the music. The Ladies' Aid society served a supper during the evening and a neat sum was realized.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address

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Sold by all Druggists. 75c.
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A Card From Santa Claus.

I have made my headquarters for this season with Linn & Scruggs Dry Goods & Carpet Co., the Big Store, Water, Main and State streets I want all the boys and girls to write me a letter telling just what they want for Christmas. Please write your name in full and address all letters to "Santa Claus, care of the Big Store."

SANTA CLAUS.

NOTICE.—Parents can call at any time and see the letters sent by the children. At this season of the year the little ones are filled with delight in anticipation of their well-filled stockings.

We can save you money on all kinds of Christmas presents.

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OLD INDIAN DAYS.

Captain Geo. R. Bacon Tells Interesting Army Stories Called to Mind by the Death of Modoc Chief, Scarface Charley

The telegraphic newspaper reports mention the death of the great Modoc Indian chief, Scarface Charley, on the Quawpaw reservation in the Indian Territory. He had been on the reservation for the past twenty-three years but at one time was famous as a leader of the Modocs and was captured after a long fight with the United States troops. Captain George R. Bacon of this city, was a member of the regular army at that time and took part in that memorable Indian campaign, and tells some interesting stories about the Scarface Charley band and the fight the troops had with it. In speaking of the death of the chief Mr. Bacon said:

"Scarface Charley was the war chief of the Modoc Indians and was the greatest man of the tribe. He had an open, brave and courageous character and was a great fighter. He must have been a man of about 30 years of age at the time of his capture The Modoc Indians went on the war path on Thanksgiving Day in 1872. They had been killing the settlers and when they met the United States troops the latter were badly defeated. At that time I was in Nevada and as reinforcements were called for I was sent with my company together with others to the assistance of those who were fighting the Indians. We went part way by railroad but disembarked and marched across the Sierra Nevada mountains in the dead of winter to the lava beds in northern California where the other troops were stationed. I was with the First United States cavalry. The president sent out a peace commission to make a treaty with the Indians but the savages murdered them. Among those killed was General Canby, who was a member of the commission and also commander of the troops. After the massacre we attacked the Indians in the lava beds and fought for three days with great loss to the army. The Indians then retreated to the mountains. A detachment was sent to where they were supposed to be hiding but as the young officer in charge was inexperienced in Indian warfare the detachment fell into an ambush and again there was a heavy loss of men. We chased the Indians miles away and had a final battle with them when they were captured In all there were not more than fifty Indians who had made all the trouble. Forty five we captured, among them being Scarface Charley, but about ten could not be accounted for and it was supposed that they were killed. The fight had lasted until May of 1873 and of our troops 110 had been killed and wounded. Four of those captured, Capt. Jack, Scouchin, Black Dave and Black Jim, were tried by a court martial and executed for having killed the settlers and massacred the peace commission. Scarface Charley escaped this punishment and was taken east In his personal character he differed greatly from most Indians, as he lacked that cunning and underhandedness which is a trait of the race. He was a man who would always fight in open field if he was not outnumbered by his foes and for this he was admired. While in captivity he made friends with the army officers and most all of them liked him. He was the greatest chief and fighter of the Modoc tribe. His peculiar name, "Scarface" Charley was derived from the fact that he had a large scar on the side of his face which he had received in battle."

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

At the meeting of the W. C. T. U members held yesterday Miss Margaret E. Crissey gave an address on the work by the condition of the national W. C. T. U. held at St. Louis. She gave a fine description of Music hall and the meetings of the convention. She told of the gain from 68,000 white ribboners to 300,000 in the last ten years. One thousand one hundred and seventy-five new societies have been organized in the past year and there has been an increase of 15,888 new members. New Jersey is in the banner state, gaining 1000 members

One touching and interesting little incident of the big convention related by Miss Crissey was that of a woman, a Catholic by religion, who, after listening intently to the story of the awful outrages perpetrated in Armenia by the Turks, told by an Armenian woman in the meeting at St. Louis, took from her finger a gold ring, precious to her as an old keepsake, and sent it to Miss Willard. The woman requested Miss Willard to send what little money it would bring to the ones who would apply it in aiding the sufferers

Miss Crissey's report was full of interesting facts to the ladies of the W.C. T.U.

The committee on jail work reported after her address that they had been instrumental in getting a consumptive prisoner out of jail

CARE OF OLD SOLDIERS

Number Constantly Growing and Additional Provision is Needed.

W. B. Franklin, president of the board of managers of the national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers, in his report to congress, says a gradual decrease is shown in the cost of the maintenance of both the state and national homes. The number of men cared for at all homes was 40,448, an increase of 2905, at an average cost of $111.60 per man. Applications for admission, he says, are more numerous than ever before. A greater number of persons apply for admission each year and as they are nearly all eligible, it will be necessary for congress to make additional provision for their accommodation. It is estimated that there are 154,810 old soldiers, any one of whom may become beneficiaries of the homes.

Judgment for $50.

Justice Peddecord in the case of John R. Dougherty who sued an accident company for $100 decided the issues in favor of the plaintiff allowing him $50. Mr. Dougherty, who accidentally broke his wrist several weeks ago, wanted $100 indemnity, having been disabled for four weeks, and his policy calling for $25 per week. The company refused to pay on the ground that the claimant was intoxicated at the time of the accident and that the company was therefore exempted The whole matter seemed to rest on the one question of whether or not Dougherty was intoxicated. He claimed that he was not, although he drank a considerable amount of liquor and beer on that particular day. The evidence was all submitted on Wednesday. J. T. Whitley for the defense and David Hutchison for the plaintiff made their arguments. The justice gave a decision in favor of Mr. Dougherty, holding that the company was liable to the extent of $50. In the opinion of Justice Peddecord the case would be appealed no matter what decision he gave

County Good Templars

The Macon county lodge of Good Templars held their semi-annual session in this city yesterday in the rooms of Faithful lodge No 419 in the Gebhart building on North Water street. Grand Chief Templar Copp was the chairman and directed the meeting. Routine business occupied the greater part of the session. Nineteen voting delegates were present from different working lodges in the county. Ora Crane of Rescue Lodge of this city, was selected as delegate to the state convention of templars to meet in Danville in February with Theodore Coleman as alternate. The next meeting of the county lodge will be held in Rescue lodge rooms in June. At the June meeting the election of county officers will occur. The meeting consisted of three sessions, the last one being held last night It was in the form of a literary and musical entertainment. A short program was given and refreshments served.

The Church Division.

In the circuit clerk's office yesterday there were filed for record the deeds by which the division of property was made between the two Christian churches of this city. The first deed tranferred to the trustees of the Edward Street Christian church, the property on Edward street between William and Prairie streets being a part of block 15 in Western addition, and the consideration named was $4459 The other deed conveyed the Leafland avenue chapel, being lot 15 in block 1 in Higgins' addition and the consideration was $1875.

The Cinematograph Coming.

The Schiller Vaudeville company, including the cinematograph which has caused so much interest at the Schiller Theatre in Chicago during the last weeks will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House next Monday night under the management of Felix Blue, manager of the Schiller Theatre. The cinematograph is said to be an improvement over the vatiscope and every man, woman and child in Decatur should see it. You can't afford to miss it.

The Turner Society.

The members of the Turner society are making arrangements for an entertainment which they will give one week from Sunday. There will be a musical program and a one act comedy entitled "Irmer Schneidig," will be presented Those who will take part in the play will be Karl Walters, Frank Helmbacher, H. F. Schlenter and Albert Erbart The society will also give a Christmas tree entertainment on the evening of December 27.

Big Horn at Columbus, Ind.

The Republican is in receipt of a note from John Palmer, dated Greenfield, Ind., Dec. 9. Mr Palmer writes that the Decatur boys passed through Greenfield with the big horn Monday, and that all were in good spirits. They were out of pictures and had to go on to Isabel. They were at Columbus, Ind, on the 10th.

Appointed Lodge Deputy.

John D. Benedict, grand chancellor, Illinois Knights of Pythias, has appointed W P Shade deputy grand chancellor for Coeur de Leon lodge, No. 17, this city. Official notice of the fact fact was promulgated last night at the lodge meeting.

THE COLLINS STORY DENIED.

Exact Facts as to the Miller Family at Westfield in 1869-70.

Shortly after the death of the late Rev. James Miller in this city, a statement of a somewhat shocking character appeared in the Decatur Review to the effect that Rev. George Miller, a brother, had committed sucide by hanging in a saw-mill at Westfield, Ill., in 1869 or 1870. The story was told with manifest careful attention to details, and it was soon learned by friends of Mr. Miller who could not be brought to believe the statements given in the Reivew, that the alleged facts were obtained from Dr. A. L. Collins, who formerly resided at Westfield and claimed to be in full possession of the facts. Dr. Collins was later interviewed by several parties and he reiterated in substance the Review story, some days later being quoted in that paper as saying that it didn't make any difference what some people were saying in letters, it was true that Rev. George Miller had committed sucide at Westfield.

The Suicide Story Not True

The Republican has been making an effort to get at the facts in the case, in the interest of truth and fairness, and to remove all painful doubt from the minds of the many church and other friends of Mr. Miller in this and other communities. The evidence obtained is conclusive proof that the story told by Dr. Collins was not only ill-timed but was unwarranted by the facts. There is absolutely no truth in the insane or suicide story as applied to Rev. George Miller.

The Facts.

County Clerk Hoage, of Clark county, writes the Republican that the records of the coroner of Clark county fail to show that any man by the name of George Miller ever committed suicide at Westfield and further that all of the most prominent people of that town whom he had interviewed told him that no man by the name of Miller had committed sucide at Westfield.

Below is a copy of a letter received by the Republican last evening:

Westfield, Ill, Dec 9, 1896

Editors of the Republican: Yours of the eighth inst. making inquiries about Rev. George Miller, brother of the late Rev. James Miller, of Decatur, has been received and in reply I will say that I was acquainted with both of the gentlemen while they resided here in 1869 and 1870 George Miller was the minister in charge of the Methodist church of this city. His wife was insane. He and his family moved away from here and he was well at the time they left. I was running a saw mill at the time the Miller family lived here. Rev. James Miller was a machinist by trade; he told me that he learned his trade in England. James was in my employ quite a while running the engine in the mill and doing repair work He commenced preaching when in this city and left here in 1870 or 1871. The Rev George Miller never committed suicide while he lived in this city. Yours respectfully,

J. L. Pratt

P. S—If you wish any further information I can procure plenty of affidavits from the old citizens here confirming my statements. I have lived here since 1851 and I am sure that there has never been any one who committed suicide here of that name.

J. L. Pratt

Merry War Tonight.

The famous Merry War company will appear at the Grand tonight. The company this season is composed of ladies and gentlemen whose names have always been associated with the foremost attractions, and includes Ben Grinnell, Mr. Charles, Mme Catherine Bartho, Miss Eva Tanguary, Miss Vivian Pattee, Miss Louise Dempsey and others. The scenic equipment, costumes, electrical effects and properties are all of the most elaborate character, and the production as a whole is perhaps the largest and most expensive that will be seen this season Another remarkable feature is the wonderful transformation dancer, Ida Fuller, sister of La Loie, who will introduce four of her entrancing illusion dances, with all the intricate electrical effects, same as presented by this lady at the Auditorium in Chicago and the Metropolitan opera house in New York City.

Arrested on a Capias.

Last evening Deputy Sheriff Holmes on a capias arrested E. W. Green and Steve Tabor. They were indicted at the last term of court for forgery and are to stand trial.

No Divorce.

William Whittington and wife have had a reconciliation and proceedings for divorce and injunction filed by the wife in court have been withdrawn.

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THE COUNTY BOARD.

Work of the December Meeting Concluded—The Business.

This afternoon the December session of the Macon county board of supervisors closed after approving the report of the committee on pauper claims.

Supervisor May of Decatur, and Supervisor Orr, of Friends' Creek, were appointed to attend the meeting of the supervisors and highway commissioners of the state.

Reports of Committee.

The committee reported that the report of County Treasurer C. H. Patterson was correct. Receipts of the office to Nov. 30, 1896, all sources, $87,976.03; expenditures, $72,585 93. Balance in county fund, $15,390.10.

The committee found the report of Sheriff Nicholson correct. Receipts from all sources for the half year to May 31, '96, $802.68; for half year to Nov. 30, '96, $799.87; total for the full year, $2874.90; balance for the county above salary of sheriff and miscellaneous expense, $758 90.

The committee reported on the final report of E. McClellan, retiring circuit clerk, as follows: Earnings of office from May 31, to Dec. 6, '96, $1301.95; expenses including salary and clerk hire, $2535.65; earning over expenditures, $1766.30; balance due, $1519.60, total receipts for half year to May 31, $4055.25; balance due to May 31, $1395.65; total balance due to Dec. 6, $2915.25. Adopted.

The committee subbmitted its report as follows as the report of County Clerk J. M. Dodd: Earnings of office for half year to Nov. 30, '96, $6329.95; expenditures for same period, including salary of clerk and clerk hire, $2925.68; excess over earnings, $3404.27. Total receipts for same time first half of the year, $3255.70; amount due, May 31, $3102.85, leaving balance due county to Nov. 30, '96, for the whole year, $3482.87. The committee also found that the clerk had earned for the county for services rendered during the year $3789 75, for which amount an order was drawn on the county treasurer in his favor.

It was voted that books of the county officials be checked up.

The report of State's Attorney Mills was read and referred to the committee.

The report of the committee on fees and salaries was presented. The report recommended the payment of the claims of the various county officers as presented and was adopted without objection.

A like report from the committee on public buildings regarding claims for repairs, was concurred in.

The report of the committee on miscellaneous claims was presented. It stated that in the matter of election expenses a uniform sum of $5 had been allowed for rent of voting places in each district, with the exception of the Twelfth Decatur district, where $10 had been allowed, and that a uniform allowance of $4 had been made for rent for places of registration. The total expense of the election, including judges and clerk hire, mileage, etc, was shown to be $2108 25. A number of other claims were also reported upon by the committee and its report was adopted.

Rev. David L. Gay, agent for the Children's Home society, made a statement concerning a child that had been taken by the society and returned because it was of unsound body. The society had incurred an expense of $27 85 in handling the child, but Mr. Gay stated that it would be satisfied if allowed the $25 that is allowed for each child for which a home is found. The claim was referred to the pauper committee.

Supervisor French called the attention of the board to the law requiring the appointment of a person to see that old soldiers who died leaving no property should have proper burial, and said that there seemed to be no person in the county to look after the matter. It was stated that the board had several years ago placed the matter in charge of the county clerk and in order that it might be fully understood, a motion that the county clerk be continued in the charge was adopted.

Apples and Cigars.

Dr. Dixon, county physician-elect, set up the cigars for the members of the county board and today W. C. Hurley, re-elected steward, of the poor farm, brought in a sack of fine apples as a testimonial of his appreciation of the superior judgment of the supervisors. All had as many apples as they could eat and there were some left for the reporters.

The Beautiful Pianos

On exhibition at the Lutz Music House are wonders in designing and musical art. None can compare with them. Come and see and get the surprisingly low prices and easy terms now offered. The small instrument line surpasses anything in Central Illinois—violins, mandolins, guitars, banjos, harps and music rolls. Books for Xmas presents in abundance. Select now while the stock is complete. S. M. Lutz. —11d6

Rev. A. W. Hawkins will preach next Sunday on the following themes: Morning, "Solomon's Backslidings;" evening, "Was Solomon Saved?"

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JIM CORBETT TALKS WAR.

Makes All Sorts of Propositions to Fight Fitzsimmons.

New York, Dec. 11.—James J. Corbett and Robert Fitzsimmons have once more opened negotiations for a match to decide the championship of the world. Since the unsatisfactory contest between Sharkey and the New Zealander Corbett has been doing all the forcing, and it is evidently his intention to try Fitzsimmons at an ealry date, if such a thing is possible.

Corbett is not so anxious for a trial against Sharkey as he was before the sensational statements of the sailor's trainers were made in court. His attitude, in fact, indicates he thinks there was a job to give Fitzsimmons what is known in sporting parlance as the "dinky-dink."

One of the San Francisco clubs offered Corbett and Fitzsimmons a $10,000 purse to box ten rounds. When Corbett was notified of the offer he suggested by telegraph that an additional $5000 might be tacked on for a fifteen-round "go."

To this the club speedily agreed, but Fitzsimmons declined to fight, claiming he would meet Corbett to a finish if he fought him at all. This word was sent to the champion yesterday afternoon.

"This is a pretty piece of business," he said. "I've been trying for months to bring this man to time, but he seems to dodge all of my movements. I wonder if this will fetch him."

And Corbett dictated a telegram to the club offering to stop Fitzsimmons in twenty rounds or forfeit all the purse.

"If Fitzsimmons is on his feet at the end of the twentieth round," Corbett wrote, "I will not ask for one cent of his money." At a late hour last night Corbett received word from San Francisco that Fitzsimmons would not agree to his terms. The message said Fitz had positively decided to box before Dan Stuart's club and no other.

"Very well," remarked Corbett, "I'm open for propositions from Stuart. But unless he can show he is able to pull off the fight this time I shall not sign an agreement with Fitzsimmons. I don't care to spend $10,000 again chasing around the country after Fitzsimmons."

THE TROTTING ASSOCIATION.

Officers Have Been Elected and Plans Formulated for the Coming Season.

Recently the annual meeting of the Decatur Trotting association was held when the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—B. Z. Taylor.
Vice President—D. W. Bronneman.
Secretary and Treasurer—G. A. Kellar.

The above officers together with D. A. Maffit constitute the board of directors. It was decided that if there were any chance of the association coming out even they would hold a race meeting at the park next year. Last season the attendance of farmers in the vicinity was very small and the association did not make any money. When sufficiently large purses are offered, the risk of the attendance being small and money being lost by the association, is great: but the members realize that the people want the races, and if there is any prospect whatever of there being a good attendance the meeting will be held some time during the summer.

Philippines May First Be Free.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Cuban delegation here has received news to the effect that "if affairs continue as they are in the Philippine Islands they will be free before Cuba."

The Spaniards are said to be confiscating property on mere suspicion of friendliness toward the insurgents. In a number of the principal provinces the patriots are making rapid headway, and everywhere are making a successful fight. The Spanish forces have had to scatter in order to occupy the many points at once, and therefore are unable to operate with large forces. The revolution is reported as daily increasing, not only in the extent of the territory occupied by the insurgents, but in numbers and equipment.

"It is indeed sad," says the letter giving the information, "to contemplate the efficient aid that has been given to the Philippines by the Japanese, and the hostility that is said to be exercised in the shipment of arms from that country (Japan) to Cuba."

Death Ended His Sufferings.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—Nicholas Fritzschneider longed for death, and it came to him at the city hospital yesterday morning, after he had passed through weeks of suffering. The man was a German laborer, 44 years of age, and for some time prior to September 22, he had boarded with a Mrs. Michael at 5750 Manchester avenue. On September 22 he went to the rear of the terra cotta works at 5801 Manchester avenue and cut a gash four inches long in his throat with a razor. He was discovered by Fred Michael, the son of his landlady, and conveyed to the city hospital. It was supposed that the man was temporarily insane, and every effort was made to save his life. He lasted until yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Fritzschneider has no relatives in this country.

Matrimonial.

At his office on Friday, Dec. 11, by Judge Hammer, Frederick H. Buckley and Miss Lida Orley, both of Warrensburg.

A she-wolf with three well-grown cubs, have been sighted near Babcock's grove, five miles north of Pontiac

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It is hard to imagine a more acceptable Christmas Gift to a lady than a handsome Black Dress Pattern. We carry a superb line of these goods and they are marked at quick Selling prices.

75-Cent, 85-cent and 90-cent BLACK JAQUARD NOVELTIES, 38, 40 and 46 inches wide, marked at one price for early buyers, yard..........	65c
$1.25, $1.50 and $1.65 MOHAIR AND WOOL CREPONS, EPPINGLAINES, POPLINS, 46 to 50 inches wide, all marked at one price, yard..........	$1.00
Priestly's SILK WARP EUDORA, SILK WARP DRAP D'ALMA AND SILK WARP HENRIETTA, 44 inches wide, regular price $1.75, for this sale..........	1.25

Men's Dressy Furnishings..

Such as can be appropriately given as Holiday remembrances, you can find at "The Big Store" We offer some extraordinary values in this line.

At 50c to $1.25	The richest and choicest Imported Silk Puffs, Imperials and other styles of correct neck-dressings for men. We show exclusive patterns, one of which will make a dainty well chosen gift.
At $4.50 to $15	Smoking Jackets made of all the proper fabrics. We carry an extensive line from the $4.50 Plain and Fancy Plaid Flannels to the $15.00 Silk Lined Velvet
At 3.00 to $10	Everything in Bath Robes—Eiderdown, Turkish and Flannel. An elegant gift and one of the seasonable and necessary furnishings to a gentleman's wardrobe

Our Santa Claus Department.

"THE BIG STORE" will undoubtedly be the shopping place of the larger portion of Decatur's economy loving people, not only because they are certain to find here money-saving in every item, but because of the immensity of our display. Our Toy Department is at least twice the size of any other in the state outside of Chicago, hence we make "present selecting" easy. One great floor 100 feet square, turned over to St. Nicholas. Old Santa Claus himself will be there—real, live and jolly. A welcome for all the children Bring them to see him.

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Cream Mixed with Crist Fruits .... 25c lb. box
Best value in the city.
Assorted Cream Bon Bons....... 15c lb
And the largest assortment of 10c Mixed in the city.
Gum Drops,.......... 5c lb
New Nuts, Figs and Dates.
Nut Meats of All Kinds.
NEW MIXED NUTS, 10c POUND.
Bought and mixed by myself this season. Christmas Tree Ornaments, Candlesticks, Candles and Novelties in fancy boxes.

We are in receipt of another lot of that fine FORMOSA OOLONG TEA. 80c per pound was our price last year; to-day we reduce the price to 60c a pound, or 5-pound lots $2.50. A nice Christmas Present for Tea Drinkers.

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KNOW YOUR FUTURE. Madame DeCarson the world renowned Clairvoyant, Medium and Life Reader, who has created such sensation in Peoria for the last six months by her marvelous power in foretelling the past, present and future, will be in this city Friday If you are sick or in trouble and no doctor can help you call on this gifted lady. She is a surprise to everybody. Only 50c and $1.00. 581 North Water street, Dec 11-d6*

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Having just purchased the cream of the stock of one of the largest wholesale houses in the country (who were going out of business) at 50c on the dollar, we are prepared to sell you the latest style Hat or Cap for less than they can be bought for at wholesale.

Come and see this lot of goods and be convinced that never before were such bargains offered.

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It would not be Bohon-McReynolds without the best style Suit for less money than any one else.

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AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Meeting of the Literary Societies Held This Afternoon and Evening by the Students

The members of the Sapphonian Literary society held their regular meeting this afternoon at the high school. The following program was observed:

Piano Duet—Pearl Jeffries and Gertrude Phillips.

Vocal Solo—Cora Jeffries.

Debate—Resolved that the manufacture of alcohol should be abolished Affirmative, Lela Avers and Mabel Hunt; negative, Carrie Birks and Margaret Landis.

Recitation—Ella Clarkson.

Whistling Solo—Marie Powers.

Alpha Beta.

The regular meeting of the Alpha Beta society will be held this evening. There will be a recitation by A. Jeffries, an oration by Glen Pilcher and a piano solo by W. Shade. The question of the debate will be "Resolved, That man's nature naturally prefers falsehood to truth." The affirmative side will be supported by O. Stark and H. Ruehl and the negative by R. Mills and C. Vermillion. The program will conclude with a recitation by Ben Imboden and a reading by Charles Record.

BURGLARS AT THE TAB.

Evidence of an Attempt to Steal Articles of Value.

W. W. Shockey, who is temporarily looking after the furnace at the Christian tabernacle on Church street, discovered this morning that burlgars had been in the building during last night. He found a window kicked open near the furnace and in the kitchen department two windows had been jerked out and thrown into the back yard. Mr. Shockey made a tour of the building but failed to find the bible, the silver communion service or any other article missing. All were in place. Mr. Hart and Mr. Pierce of the church committee, visited the church and satisfied themselves that the church property was still in place. No arrests.

Santa Claus in the Windows.

Just now the people generally, to say nothing of the children whose delight is unbounded, are feasting their eyes on the many elegant displays made in the show windows of the big stores. Some of the pictures show careful thought and artistic arrangement. The Santa Claus' display in two big windows at Linn & Scruggs' store is a very attractive affair. There is a chimney with a child at the hearth watching for old Santa to come down and at the window is a child looking in. In another section is a bridge, with toy figures scattered about; also a sleigh drawn by reindeer and a toboggan slide with lots of children having fun. There is a very handsome electric effect in the Santa Claus window at Bradley Bros' store. The window is full of handkerchiefs and two finely dressed children on an electric teeter board form the puzzling feature. The electric feature with the colored lights combine to make a very pretty display. It wins universal praise. At the shoe stores the window displays are elaborate, G. W. Powers having all his windows filled with pretty effects.

The toy and candy stores are up and a-coming. It is no trouble to find Santa Claus in Decatur this year.

The Chaplain's Prayer.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The blind chaplain of the house in his prayer this morning referred to the passage yesterday by the house of the bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in the capitol says: "We thank the Lord that the house is no longer responsible for the liquor traffic within the halls of the national capitol. Grant we pray that the bill passed here yesterday will go through its regular channels and speedily become a law never again to be repealed in the history of our nation." At the conclusion the prayer was greeted with unusual demonstration. Half a hundred members applauded vigorously, but Speaker Reed promptly suppressed the outburst. The house then went into committee of the whole for the consideration of bills on the private calendar.

Bitten by a Cat.

Fay Montgomery, the son of Alderman R. R. Montgomery, had a rather unpleasant exprience yesterday. A dog and a cat were fighting and the boy attempted to separate them when the cat bit him on the calf of his leg, inflicting a painful wound. He was taken to the office of Dr. E. W. Moore where surgical attention was given him. The bite will probably not result seriously.

The Circuit Court.

The appeal case of B. F. McMennamy vs A. T. Summers, all about a horse taken at Bethany, is still on trial by jury in court.

Cora Buckner secured a divorce from Jasper Buckner. The evidence was submitted to the court.

The trial of criminal cases will begin next Monday.

Mrs. McKinley Arrives in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Mrs. McKinley, wife of the president-elect, arrived here this morning and will spend some time with friends and relatives.

The coming of the Schiller Vaudeville company with the wonderful cinematographe at the Grand Monday night is the talk of the town. The entertainment is a great novelty. Don't fail to see it.

Don't

Buy a single toy until you have investigated our stock and prices as we are offering great inducements this year. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Attorney C. C. Leforgee attended the appellate court at Springfield yesterday.

Miss Grace Munson is home from Shelbyville where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. Frank Crane and Mrs. Frank Swisher have gone to Ottowa to see their brother, Edward Toombs, who is very ill.

Joe Housing of this city, is now at Springfield and has taken a position in a drug store.

City Attorney James Lee was in Bloomington yesterday on business.

Bert Meriweather is in St. Louis on business.

Dennis Bradley is home from a trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Sarah Stabler was called to Warrensburg yesterday to see her sister, Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Wick McFarland is in town.

John T. Stewart, of Oreana, was in the city to-day on business.

Will Eichinger, who has been ill at his home in Riverside Place, is better.

Mrs. Charnock is quite ill at her home on East Prairie street.

David Leech is confined to his home at the corner of Webster and Clay streets by illness.

N. K. Elliott, formerly superintendent of the Vandalia system, was in the city last night from Terre Haute.

C. G. Lemon, traveling passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, was in the city to-day on business.

E. L. Wright, traveling passenger agent for the C., B. & Q., was here yesterday.

The Merry World show company has arrived in the city. At the Grand tonight.

Sale was Successful.

The dinner and sale given by the ladies of St John's Episcopal church yesterday afternoon and evening was quite successful. Over $200 was taken in. The ladies have not yet figured their expenses but a large amount of the sum mentioned will be clear profit.

Sales of Real Estate.

F. C. Betzer to Benedict and Catherine McGorray, lots 3 and 8 in the northwest quarter of 23, 16, 2 east—$100.

John Melhorn to J. W. Brown, his interest in the northeast quarter of 32, 17, 1 east—$2850.

Fine Evergreen.

The attention of the trade is called to the fine evergreen on sale by J. Y. Chisholm & Co. They have the finest lot ever seen in Decatur and dealers should make a note of this.

We Want Every Child

In the city of Decatur to come and look at our toys and we are satisfied that they will order Santa Claus to bring their Christmas presents from our store. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 11, 1896.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
December	75⅝	76¼	74⅞	76
May	79⅝	80¼	78⅜	79¼
Corn—				
December	22¾	22¾	22⅝	22¾
May	25⅛	26	25⅝	25⅞
Oats—				
December	—	—	—	17¾
May	20⅝	20¾	20½	20⅝
Pork—				
January	7 67½	7 70	7 57½	7 67½
May	—	—	—	—
Lard—				
January	3 90	3 92½	3 85	3 86
May	—	—	—	—
Ribs—				
January	3.87½	3 80	3 85	3 85
May	—	—	—	—

May wheat: puts, 78⅞c; calls, 80⅝c, curb 79¾.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—48, Estimated, 28. Year ago, 172

Corn—196; Estimated, 214; a year ago, 431

Oats—340; Estimated, 304, a year ago, 136

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 81; Corn, 230; oats, 410.

Hog receipts 27,000; estimated 24,000 Market opened steady.

Light, $3 20@$3.46; Mixed $3 25@$3 45, Heavy $3.20@$3 45; Rough $3 05@$3 15.

Estimated for to morrow, 20,000.

Cattle receipts 5,000; market slow.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.—Wheat, cash, No. 2, 89c; May, 88⅞c; Corn, cash, 21c; May, 23⅝; Oats, cash, 20c; May, 21¾.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Wheat, May, 85⅝c; Corn May, 24; May 23¼; Oats, cash, 20; May, 21¾.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Dec. 11.—Corn, lower, No. 2 white, 20¾c; oats, firm, No. 2, white, 22@23¾c.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

WANTED—Lady canvassers to sell Mexican Linen Drawn Work in the city only. J. H. JAMES, Room 46, St Nicholas hotel. 9-d6*

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2-gallon Pail Table Syrup	39c
1 gallon Cider Vinegar	13c
1 gallon Sweet Cider	15c
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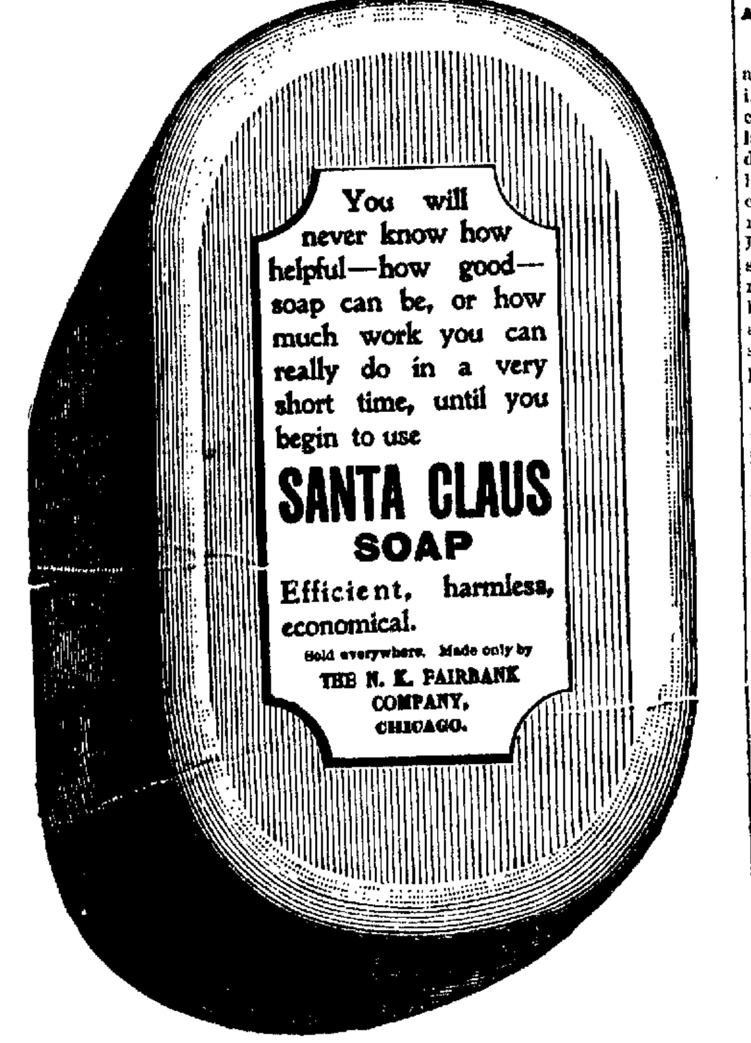

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A SCHOOL FOR FIREMEN.

All of the Men Are Carefully Trained for Their Exacting Duties.

The school was organized in February, 1883, primarily for the purpose of instructing the men of the different companies in the use of the "scaling-ladder," which had then just been introduced in the department. It gradually became enlarged in its scope, however, until, with the completion of the new Fire Headquarters building in January, 1887, it became a general school of instruction—not only for the new men admitted on trial (called "probationary firemen"), but for the men already in service—in the use of all life-saving apparatus, and in the many appliances used for fighting a fire.

Before they had this new building, in East Sixty-seventh street, the companies were taught the use of the scaling-ladders and life-net at an old sugar warehouse near the foot of West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and the North river, and here the classes numbered nearly 60 men at a time. But this building was on an out-of-the-way place, and lacked the facilities necessary for instructing the men in raising large extension ladders, and in the use of the many new tools then being added to the department.

When the new Fire Headquarters building was being completed a yard designed for this purpose was built at the back of that building. This yard is about 100 feet square, being well cemented and drained, so that water can be used in the lessons. Here "company drills" were introduced—companies being summoned unexpectedly from different parts of the city, just as they would be called to an actual fire.

When they arrived the engines were started and the men put through all the maneuvers of battling with the flames. The hose was dragged up the staircase to the top of the building, water was started or shut off, and large quantities were used in the different movements executed in the yard or from the windows at the rear. The men were thus made acquainted with every appliance carried upon the apparatus, and the system perfected in every detail.

Companies receive ratings on the books kept by the instructor according to the proficiency they showed at the drills; and some idea of what effect these drills had in improving the service may be gathered from the fact that, when they were started, of the 80 or more companies in the department there were about 21 companies in the first grade, 19 in the second, and 40 in the third or lowest grade. After three years of instruction there were only four or five in the last grade, about 15 in the second, and fully 60 received the rating of first-grade companies.

It is here, in this yard, where these company drills played so important a part in bringing the New York department to its present point of perfection, that the recruit receives his first instruction in the use of the scaling-ladder, the life-line, and the life-net.—Charles Thaxter Hill, in St. Nicholas.

FOND OF BATHING.

The Japanese Spend Much of Their Time in the Water.

In a paper read before the Royal Geographical society, Rev. Walter Weston says that cleanliness is one of the few original items of Japanese civilization. To that idea the people are still true. In spite of the fickleness usually ascribed to them, their original love for hot water has never grown cold.

In the mountains, wherever hot mineral springs are found the peasantry resort to them, some to benefit by the healing properties of the waters, others for the simple pleasure of bathing. The yuba, or "hot-water houses," as the bathing establishments are called, generally nestle at the bottom of some steep ravine, and the water is conveyed from the mineral spring through bamboo pipes.

Bathing is not an expensive pleasure for these Japanese peasants. They pay about a cent a day for room rent and the use of the bath, but food and bedding are not supplied. In the yuba of a better class the visitors stay at chalets or inns, close by the baths, and in some cases the larger guest houses have baths on the premises.

In these out-of-the-way mountain resorts the Japanese indulge their taste for bathing to an almost incredible extent. In one place, where the water is just about blood-heat, a man will stay in, it is said, practically for a month on end, taking care, however, to place a heavy stone on his knees to keep him from floating or turning over in his sleep. The care-taker of this particular establishment, a cheery old man of some 70 summers, himself stays in the bath the whole winter through.

In another spot, famed for its thermal springs, the inhabitants apologized to a visitor for what they called their dirtiness.

"It is summer time now," they said, "and we are too busy to bathe more than twice a day."

"How often, then," he asked, "do you bathe in winter?"

"Oh, then we have more leisure and can bathe four or five times a day, and the children get into the water whenever they feel cold," was the reply.—Youth's Companion.

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He was only a poor little messenger boy. When the young woman stepped into the elevator on the first floor it was crowded with men and the poor little messenger boy. In an instant the boy's hat was in his hand. Rather in a shamefaced way all the men in the elevator followed suit. The young woman was not handsome, but was dashing-looking and seemed self-possessed. She was neatly attired in a fashionable bicycle suit. "You are a little gentleman of the old school," she said to the messenger, with a smile of approbation. The boy looked up at her, took the message he had to deliver out of the crown of his hat, put the hat back on his head and commenced to whistle. —N. Y. World.

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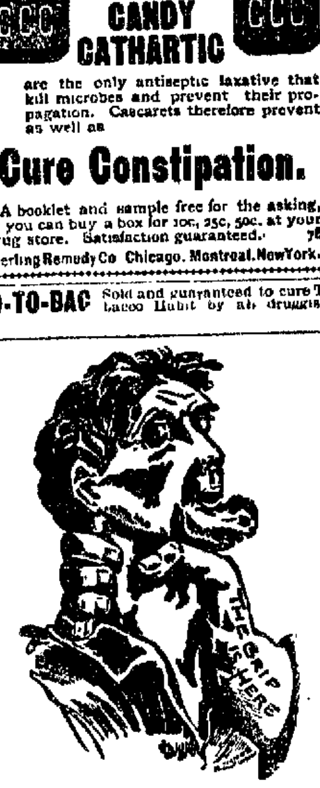

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Wabash Line.

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	*1:55 a m	14	*3:30 a m
11	*11 45 a m	15	*3:55 p m
16	†7.40 a m	17	†7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		**FROM ST. LOUIS.**	
3	*3:40 a m	6	*5:25 a m
11	*6:55 a m	4	†11:25 a m
5	†4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	*4:00 p m	10	*9.10 p m
1	*12:13 a m	2	*10:13 p m
7	*7:20 p m	12	*12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		**FROM TOLEDO.**	
6	*5:28 a m	1	*12:10 a m
4	†11:30 a m	7	*7.17 p m
2	*10:18 p m	5	†3.50 p m
10 Laf. acm.	†4:40 p m	3	*3:20 a m
		11	†10:30 a m
TO QUINCY.		**FROM QUINCY.**	
5	*4:05 p m	4	*11:20 a m
3	*5:40 a m	2	*10:05 p m
17 Spfd only	†7.40 p m	13 from Spfg	†7:35 a m
11 Spfd acm	†10:34 a m	10 Effm acm.	†4:36 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily.........1:38 a m	Diamond Special, daily.........2:50 a m
No. 122 pass. ex. Sunday.......9:40 a m	No. 125 pass. ex. Sunday.......9:30 a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday......2:00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday......10:10 a m
No. 107 pass. ex. Sunday......8.10 p m	No. 123 pass. ex. Sunday......8:08 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves ex. Sunday......2:25 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday......10:15 a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n, daily 7:00 a m	No. 703—From Chicago, daily 7:45 p m
No. 120 daily to Chicago...... 11:55 a m	No. 119 daily, to St. Louis...... 2:58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1.......10:42 a. m.	A No. 2.......2:41 p. m
D No. 3.......10:10 p. m.	A No. 4.......3:50 a. m
A No. 31.......4:50 p. m.	A No. 30.......6:15 a. m.
	S No. 36.......7:10 a. m.

Depart for Peoria	Depart for Evansville
A No. 2.......2:47 p. m.	A No. 1.......10:50 a. m.
A No. 4.......4:10 a. m.	D No. 3.......10:20 p. m.
A No. 30.......6:35 a. m.	A No. 31.......5:00 p. m
S No. 36.......7:30 a. m.	A No 11.......3:15 p. m
A No. 10.......10:42 a. m.	

"A"—Daily Except Sunday. "D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.

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ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 3 Pass....*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass....†11:25 a m
" 1 Pass....†2:25 p m	" 4 Pass....*10:20 p m
" 7 Acc....†10:00 a m	" 8 Accom..†4:00 a m

*Daily. †Except Sunday. ‡Run ends here

Vandalia Line.

In effect Nov. 15, 1896.
Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.

FOR THE WEST.

No. 7, Ex., Sun. 6:46 a. m........... For Peoria
No. 70, Ex., Sun. 6: 0 p. m........... For Peoria

FOR THE EAST.

No. 20, Ex., Sun. 8:14 a. m........ For Terre Haute
No. 6, Ex. Sun. 6:10 p. m........ For Terre Haute

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Fund Building Association will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29, 1896, at 7.30 o'clock p. m., at the office, 2 0 North Main street, for the purpose of electing two directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

L. L. BURROWS, President.
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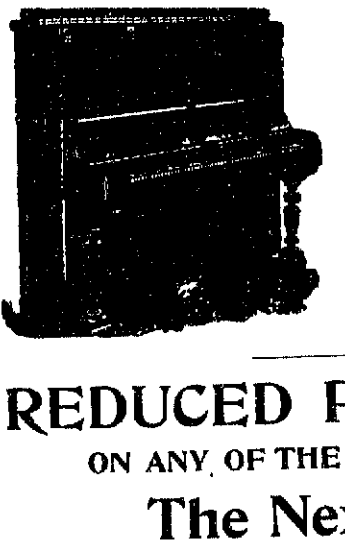
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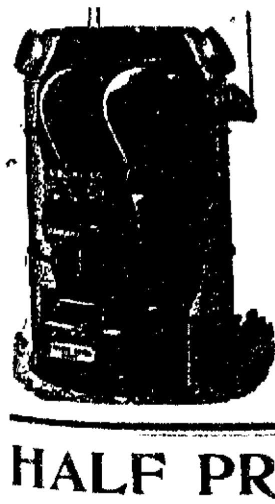
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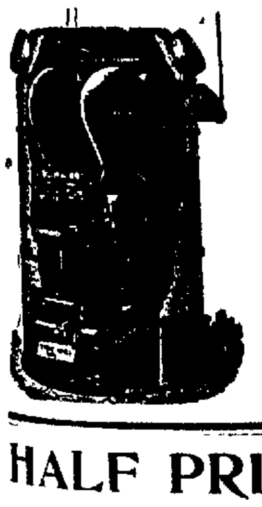

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FOR SALE—For spot cash, $250, you can get a fine building lot, very high ground, size 40x182, on North Union street. Only one left, don't all speak at once. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Nov 13-dtf

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court, to the January Term, 1897.

John King et al. vs. Samuel G. Malone et al.—Chancery.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that on due inquiry the residence of the following named defendants, Mary Sanderson, Joseph Sanderson, John Bohrer and Safronia Bohrer cannot be found, notice is hereby given to each of you that the above named complainants have filed their bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof, which said suit is still pending, and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against each of you above named defendants returnable to the next January term 1897 on the first day thereof, to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1897; Now unless you, the said Mary Sanderson, Joseph Sanderson, John Bohrer and Safronia Bohrer shall each appear on the first day of said court and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated this 30th day of November, A. D. 1896.
[Seal.] E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
Dec 1-d4w

NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY. }

In the Circuit Court, to the January Term, A. D. 1897.

Joseph McKeown vs. L. M. Neal—Distress for Rent.

Affidavit of the nonresidence of the defendant above named having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county notice is hereby given to the said L. M. Neal that the said Joseph McKeown filed a copy of his certain distress warrant to distrain for rent the goods and chattels of the said L. M. Neal, together with an inventory of the goods and chattels levied upon by virtue thereof, in the office of the clerk of said court, on the law side thereof, and that a summons was thereupon issued out of said court against said defendant, returnable on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1897, as is required by law.

Now, therefore, unless the said L. M. Neal shall personally be and appear before the said court of Macon county, on the first day of the term thereof, to be holden at the court house in Decatur, Illinois, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1897, and plead to the said plaintiff's action, finding of the court will be entered against you, and in favor of the said Joseph McKeown, and a certificate of such finding issued accordingly, and so much of the said property distrained as may be sufficient to satisfy the said finding of said court and costs, will be sold to satisfy the same.

D. L. FOSTER,
Clerk Circuit Court.

S. A. D. GRAY, Plaintiff's Attorney.
Dec 10 d3w

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court, Macon County, Illinois

Buelah M. Seely vs. Alexander Isbeet.—No 15,586. Bill to foreclose mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term 1896, of said court, I James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, December 29, 1896,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, described as follows, to wit: Commencing ninety-four and 58-100 feet east of the northwest corner of Lot number seven (7) in the east half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section sixteen (16), township sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the 3rd principal meridian, thence south to the west line of the right of way of the St. Louis Division of the Wabash Railway Company, thence northeasterly along said right of way to a point 79 feet east of the place of beginning, thence west 79 feet to the place of beginning, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1896, at Decatur, Illinois.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Bunn & Park, Solicitors.—Nov. 28-d4d

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY. }

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois.

Elizabeth Putnam vs. B. M. Brookshire et al.—No. 15879. Bill to Foreclose Mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the September term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, December 15th, 1896,

at 2 o'clock p. m. at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lots three (3), six (6) twenty (20), twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22) twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24), in block six (6), in H. A. Wood's Walnut Grove Addition of Out Lots to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated this 23d day of November, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
W. Nay Boggess, Solicitor. (Nov23-d4d

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court of Macon County.

Frank W. Caldwell vs. John S. Thaver et al. No. 15811. Bill to Foreclose Mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the September term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, December 19th, 1896,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lots One (1) and two (2) in Block one (1) of H. A. Wood's addition of Out Lots to the City of Decatur situated in the county of Macon and State of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 27th day of November, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
John H. McCoy, Solicitor. [Nov 28 d4d

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court, Macon Co., Ill.

William J. Pegram vs. D. W. Whitehead et al.—No. 15781. Bill to foreclose mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on

Saturday, December 19th, 1896,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot nine (9) in Block one (1) of the Village of Warrensburg, situated in the County of Macon and State of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 27th day of November, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
John H. McCoy, Solicitor.—Nov. 28-d4d

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court, Macon Co., Ill.

Equitable Building and Loan Society, of Peoria, Ill., vs. James R. Hill et al. | No. 15679. Bill to foreclose mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on

Monday, December 21st, 1896,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot six (6) in Block seven (7) of Higgins' Addition to the City of Decatur, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 27th day of November, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
M. N. Gish, Solicitor.—Nov. 28-d4d

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Daniel Good, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Daniel Good, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby give notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the January term, on the first Monday in January next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 21st day of November, 1896.

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Nov 21-d3w Executor.

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All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount specially taxed at the collector's office, being the city clerk's office in the court house in said city, within thirty days from the date hereof.

Dated this 10th day of November, A. D. 1896.
Nov 10-d30d F. L. HAYS, City Clerk.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
MACON COUNTY }

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois.

James Etta Veach et al. vs. Joseph C. Hostetler et al.—No. 15790, September Term, 1896. In Chancery. Bill for Partition.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, State of Illinois entered at the September Term, 1896, of the said court, in the above entitled cause, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, December 12th, 1896,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the real estate mentioned in said decree and ordered to be sold, to-wit:

The northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 4, township 14 north, range 3 east of the 3d principal meridian, in Macon county, Illinois, containing 40 acres, more or less.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half cash in hand on day of sale and one-half in one year from day of sale at 6 per cent per annum, the deferred payment to be secured by mortgage on the premises sold.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, Nov 7, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
J. M. Gray, Solicitor. [Nov 11-d4d

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
MACON COUNTY }

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois.

Hiram Johnson vs. David F. Smith et al.—No. 15 881; Bill to Foreclose Mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the September Term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, December 15th, 1896

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: Lots twenty-five (25), twenty six (26) and twenty seven (27), in block three (3), in H. A. Wood's Walnut Grove Addition of Out Lots to the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 23d day of November, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
W. Nay Boggess, Solicitor. [Nov 2-d4d

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court Macon County.

Frank W. Caldwell vs. Audley D. Risley et al.—No. 15812, Bill to Foreclose Mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, December 19th, 1896,

at the hour of 2 o'clock, p. m. of said day at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: Lots three (3) and four (4), in block one (1) of H. A. Wood's Addition of Out Lots in the City of Decatur, the county of Macon, State of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 27th day of November, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN,
Master in Chancery.
J. H. McCoy, Solicitor. Nov 28-d4d

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court of Macon County.

Equitable Building and Loan Assn. vs. Henry S. Hill et al.—No. 15672, Bill to Foreclose Mortgage, I

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Monday, December 21st, 1896,

at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate decreed to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: Lot three ( ), in Block four (4), Enterprise Addition to the City of Decatur, county of Macon, State of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 27th day of November, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
M. N. Gish, Solicitor. Nov 28-d4d

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
MACON COUNTY. }

In the Circuit Court to the January Term 1897.

Ida E. Armstrong vs. Isabella Disney et al.—In Chancery.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that the defendants Isabella Disney, John J. Disney and Robert Young, three of the above named defendants, are non residents of the state of Illinois, Notice is hereby given to each of you that the above named complainant has filed her bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof and that said suit is still pending, and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against each of the above named defendants returnable to the next January term of said court on the first day thereof to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1897. Now unless you the said Isabella Disney, John J. Disney and Robert Young shall each appear on the first day of said court and plead, answer or demur to the said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated at Decatur this 2d day of December, A. D. 1896. [Seal.] E. McCLELLAN, Clerk
Dec 2-d4w

Special Tax Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, has rendered judgment for special taxes upon the property benefited by the following local improvement: The paving and improving of Maryland street from the south line of East Cerro Gordo street, southeasterly throughout its entire length to the west line of Front street, and Front street from its west line, at its intersection with Maryland street for a distance of ten feet easterly toward the central line of Front street, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of the judgment on file in my office that a warrant for the collection of such special taxes is in the hands of the undersigned.

All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount specially taxed at the collector's office, being the city clerk's office, in the court house in said city, within thirty days from the date hereof.

Dated, this 10th day of November, A. D. 1896.
nov 10-d30d F. L. HAYS, City Clerk

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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY. }

In the Circuit Court of Macon County.

Christian Schwab vs. Sarah J. Burk et al. No. 15800, Bill to Foreclose Mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September Term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Monday, December 21st, 1896,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: The northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 35, in township 15 north, and range 1 east of the 3d p. m., also 1 acre in a square taken from the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of said section, township and range.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 27th day of November, 1896.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Mills Bros., Solicitors. [Nov. 28-d4d

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF MACON. }

In the Circuit Court to the January Term, A. D. 1897.

Martha Underwood, complainant, vs. Chas. Myers, Cora A. Myers, Charles E. Schroll and Augusta K. Schroll, defendants—In Chancery, No. —

Notice is hereby given to the said defendants Charles E. Schroll and Augusta K. Schroll, that the above named complainant heretofore filed her bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof against the above named defendants, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendants, returnable on the first day of the January term A. D. 1897, of said court, to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county of Macon on the second Monday of January A. D. 1897, as is by law required, which suit is still pending in said court.

E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
W. T. Cussins, Complainant's Sol.
Nov. 17-d4w

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LOCAL NEWS.

Our toy department will be open to the public on Thursday morning, Dec. 10. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

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Fig Syrup, 35 cents a bottle, at Irwin's drug store.

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Smoke the Litle J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Fine holiday packages of perfumes at West's drug store.

Quinine regular price, 45 cents an ounce, at Irwin's.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

Large bottle fragrant toilet cream, 15 cents, at Irwin's.

The largest line of fancy Bottled Perfumery at Bell's Drug Store.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

Irwin's Rock Balsam is the leading cough and cold cure.

Holiday perfume packages, 25 cents, 50 cents and $1 each at West's drug store.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Weigand. Mch 25-dtf.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct21tf

The best Christmas present is one of those fine perfume packages at West's drug store.

A series of evangelical services will be held at the Presbyterian church during the month of January. They will be held every evening except Saturdays.

Do not fail to call on J. P. Winebrenner at Ottenheimer & Co.'s Clothing House, as it will be a personal favor, for he sells altogether on commission to his friends.

New upright pianos $225, $250, $275 and $300. A good upright piano, slightly used, for $185 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house.—dec7 dtf

The rumor that Alderman Dooley Johnson had planned to locate in Chicago seems to be without foundation. He has returned to the city. He seems to think that Decatur is good enough for him.

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An athletic club was recently organized at Maroa and the managers have applied to S. S. Dixon of this city to give the members of the club physical instructions twice a week. Dixon is undecided whether or not he will accept the offer.

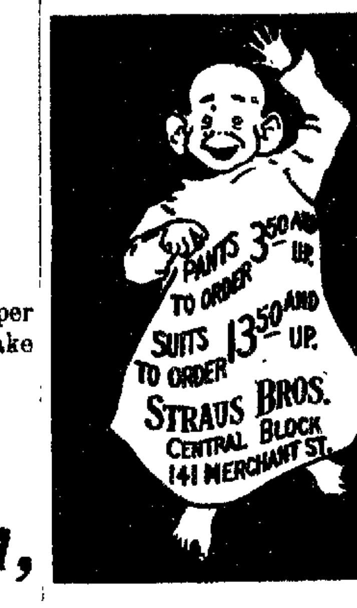
It is the purpose of Alderman Montgomery to sell all of his race horses. The gentleman has not time to look after the horses and he will dispose of the whole lot, embracing about twenty head. Prestorm Wilkes, the famous pacing mare, heads the list.

Wedding at Evanston.

Invitations have been received in Decatur for the wedding of Miss Emily D. Roe, of Evanston, and Alvin McCord, which will take place on Dec. 22. Miss Roe is well known in Decatur and she has visited at the residence of D. S. Shellabarger. Miss Grace Shellabarger of this city, is to be one of the bridesmaids.

Dolls! Dolls!

We devote a space one hundred feet long to show the samples of the line of dolls we carry. We show more styles and kinds than the combined stocks of Decatur. E. D. Bartholomew Co.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'SQUIRE STEVENS MARRIED AGAIN

Mrs. Elizabeth Erpleding the Bride—A Surprise Wedding.

It will be a surprising as well as a bit of pleasant news to the many Decatur friends of 'Squire A. C. Stevens to learn that he was united in marriage last evening at 8 o'clock at Moweaqua to Mrs. Elizabeth Erpleding, a very estimable widow. The interesting event took place at the home of Frank Hemple and Rev E. J. Bell performed the ceremony. It was a quiet affair, only a few friends being present. The bride is 56 years of age and the groom 72. The couple left Moweaqua this afternoon for California, Mo., on a bridal trip. They will make their home at Des Moines, Iowa.

'Squire Stevens is quite well known in Decatur and throughout the county. He has served Decatur township as a justice of the peace, and is a member of Dunham Post, No. 141, Grand Army of the Republic. He served in the late war as a member of the 116th Illinois regiment. A few years ago he lost his first wife by death, since which sad event he had been making his home with his son at Des Moines and at intervals in Decatur.

Mr. Stevens was in Decatur on Wednesday, having just arrived from Iowa. He had nothing to say then about the wedding. Probably he wanted to spring a surprise on his friends. He has succeeded in doing so, but all will forgive him and join in wishing him joy.

THE PETRIFIED WOMAN.

This Interesting Exhibit Attracting Unusual Attention.

About all you hear now on the street is "Have you seen the petrified woman." If not, you are told it is natural. wonderful, etc., and you are advised to go and see the great wonder.

It is refreshing to say the least to feel that once in a while a meritorious exhibit comes along. That such is the case with the petrified woman exhibit, there can be no doubt by this time; many of our citizens have been in, all being well pleased. pronouncing it wonderful and worth ten times the price of admission. That the specimen is genuine—admits of no doubt. It has been chemically and microscopically examined and is vouched for by thousands of physicians, scientists and geologists. Men of national reputation, all over the country, attest to the body's genuineness. The entire anatomy is in a perfect state of preservation. If you fail to see the wonder, they will lose a dime, but you will lose a chance of a lifetime. Every man, woman and child of our city should see this interesting and instructive exhibit at 331 North Water street. The intention has been announced of extending special complimentario to our local physicians to see the remarkable specimen.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Official Report.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 10, '96.

Present—Mrs. Mary E. Haworth, Messrs. D. S. Shellabarger, James F. Roach, and the clerk, E. A Gastman

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report for November was compared and approved.

The superintendent's report of the receipts and expenditures of the tuition was examined and approved.

The following bills were allowed and the clerk was directed to draw orders on the treasurer to pay the same:

John G. May	$11 51
Nettie C. Pritchett	2 00
Mary Davis	12 00
C. L. Griswold & Co.	9.64
Field & Wilson	5 00
City of Decatur	22 50
C. H. Deetz	6 00
Thomas Hughes	2 00
M. A. Stare	8 15
Queen & Co	55 00
F. Pobst.	[illegible]
Herald-Despatch Co.	26 25
Henry Myers	1 50
D. A. Maffit	21 95
Addison Huffaker	1 75
Geo. R. Bacon & Co	2.00
Huff Bros	3 20
Morehouse & Wells Co	2 48
Fuller Book Co.	100.00
W. A. Olmsted Scientific Co	31 23
Decatur Gas Light & Coke Co	7.33
E. A. Gastman, Supt	15.15
W. R. Abbott & Co.	11 65
Orlando Powers	4.00

The superintendent was directed to purchase a barrel of oil for the floors; to repair the blackboards in the H. B. Durfee school; to invite bids for putting in side sash on the west and north windows of the Warren street and the Oakland schools; to remove the inside blinds in the third grade room of the Marietta street school and substitute curtains; to close the schools at recess on the afternoon of Dec. 24.

The treasurer, K. H. Roby, was authorized to receive proposals for borrowing the $5000 now in the sinking fund. All loans to be secured by first mortgages on farm lands and to run for three or five years at 7 per cent per annum.

On motion adjourned.

D. S. Shlelabarger, Pres.
E. A. Gastman, Clerk.

Musical Notes.

Miss Mae Harwood of this city, who is now at Chicago studying music, sang in a musical given last Tuesday night by Mrs. Nellis at her musical college. Miss Harwood gave two vocal selections and played in a trio. Her efforts were well received.

Miss Edna Keller, of Sullivan, will leave in a few days for Chicago, where she will study music with Mrs. Nellis for the winter.

Mr. Barnibee of Springfield, will give vocal lessons in this city after Christmas. He will come to Decatur one day in each week.

CRIMINAL NEWS.

Alexander Deeke to be Brought to Decatur for Forgery.

OFFICER GONE AFTER A REQUISITION

Trial will be Had in the Circuit Court Orman McPherson Says He is a Murderer—Hotel Beat Wanted.

It now appears that Alexander Deeke, the fly bookkeeper, who forged several bank checks in Decatur two years ago, is to be brought to Decatur to stand trial. The complaining witness will be George W. Jones who on one of Brueck's forged checks gave Deeke $25. Marshal Mason went to Springfield today to get a requisition for Deeke who is a prisoner at St Louis. He will be brought to Decatur tomorrow.

A Hotel Beat.

The dapper Frechman, known as Lord Dunraven, who left Decatur a few days ago, is to be brought back to stand trial for swindling two hotel men. He owes W. A. Truax, of the Arcade hotel, $4.50 for board and Landlord McNeely of the Hotel Brunswick, is out about $8.50, part of which is borrowed money. It was learned today that Lord Dunraven, is at the Aetna house at Danville Arrangements were made today to send a warrant to Danville to arrest the Frenchman.

Attempted Murder.

Charley Brady, a colored man, is wanted at Taylorville, on a charge of attempted murder. The assault was made yesterday and the Decatur police were notified last evening by telephone. There are no particulars.

A Confession.

Orman McPherson is a prisoner in the county jail, arrested yesterday on the levee. He says he is a murderer, and that last September he killed the city marshal at Morning Sun, Iowa. The officers will hold the man until the matter can be investigated. Some statements made by McPherson lead the officers to think that perhaps he is romancing. The facts will be known in a few days.

At the Country Churches.

Rev. W. F. Gilmore, pastor of Grace Methodist church, preached last evening to a large congregation at the Methodist church at Elwin.

Rev. Keener has begun a series of protracted meetings at the Shady Grove church near Elwin.

Last evening the members of the young people's society of the Blue Mound chapel gave a social and literary entertainment at the residence of Miss Livingston one mile north of the church.

Rev. Jones is holding protracted meeting at the Salem Baptist church four miles west of the city.

Band Concert at the Tab.

The first midwinter concert for the people at popular prices was given at the tabernacle last night by Goodman's band, directed by Robert Walter, when the program of pleasing numbers printed last evening was carried out. Over one thousand people were present to enjoy the treat, the admission being only 10 cents. Every selection was applauded. The next concert will doubtless fill the large room.

Party Near Long Creek.

This evening the Misses Clark will entertain a few of their Decatur friends at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clark near Long Creek. Those who will go from the city are Miss Fannie Bevans, Miss Underwood, Miss Haag and Miss Carrie Knapp, and Messrs. Charles Pennington, Bert Bivans, C. S. Goshert and S. S. Dixon.

Christmas Chorus.

At the Presbyterian church last evening a meeting was held to organize a chorus to sing at a Christmas entertainment. There will be about thirty young men and women in the chorus and the singing will be under the leadership of C. W. Montgomery. They will meet every Monday and Friday evening.

The Children's Carnival.

There is expected to be a large number of children at Guards' Armory Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock to hear from Prof. Leonard all about the fancy dress carnival to be given Dec. 26, the day after Christmas. The professor wants all of the old pupils to come to the armory tomorrow.

Death of Philip Bauer.

Philip Bauer died this morning at 8:30 o'clock at his home, No. 749 East Caldwell street, aged 28 years. He leaves a wife, five brothers and one sister. The funeral will be held on Sunday but the time of day has not yet been decided upon.

The Alton Cracker and Baking company have gone to the wall with a total debt of $6000; assets half.

SEVERE CRITICISM.

Sentiment of Some Bloomington People on the Verdict in the Miller Case.

A recent issue of the Bloomington Leader contained the following editorial

Since the tragic and mysterious death of Rev. James Miller, late pastor of Grace M. E church in this city, who was found on the morning of Nov 21 in an alley in the best residence portion of Decatur with a bullet hole in his forehead there has been much speculation as to the manner in which he received his death wound The attendant circumstances prior to and after finding the body were fully described in The Leader at the time of the sad incident and but little additional light in the way of newly discovered facts has been shed upon the mystery since

The hasty, and in the opinion of many unwarranted verdict of the coroner's jury did not set at rest all speculation in the case. Many of Dr. Miller's intimate friends, and some who were most conversant with the immediate facts connected with the finding of the body and the subsequent investigations, if such they may be called, feel that great injustice has been done the memory of the deceased and the grief of his friends has been augmented by the formal finding of the officials in the case.

Dr. Dixon of Springfield, after extended experiments to determine the effect of a pistol shot at close range, comes to the conclusion that the murder theory is the only one warranted in the case His conclusions will be acquiesced in by a great many who have carefully studied all the material and incidental facts in the case The preponderance of evidence as the case now stands indicates that Rev. James Miller was murdered and until positive evidence to the contrary can be produced his bereaved relatives and friends are entitled to that conclusion

The Leader has from the beginning of the case felt that the evidence was entirely too meagre and insufficient to warrant any such verdict as was rendered and has avoided publishing anything that would in any way favor such conclusion In all such cases the friends ought to have the benefit of the common law principle that a man is adjudged to be innocent until his guilt is clearly established by satisfactory and positive evidence In this case there is not only wanting the right kind of evidence to warrant the coroner's decision but there is very strong circumstantial evidence, backed by the high moral character of the deceased in favor of the more rational conclusion that the case is clearly one of murder.

The change in Rev Miller's plans at Clinton, which led him to go to Springfield may have been occasioned by his stepping off the train while in waiting and thoughtlessly letting it pull out before he boarded it again In that case his shortest line in time to Decatur would be by Springfield. The evidence that he purchased a revolver in Springfield is by no means conclusive What became of the third party reported to have been present at the time of the assumed purchase? Why was he not found and his testimony taken before the coroner's jury? And granting the purchase as was claimed to be established by the testimony of the Springfield witness, it by no means follows that the shot was fired by the owner of the weapon Taking all the facts and evidence in the case into consideration. The Leader reasserts that the coroner's verdict was hasty and unwarranted, and the preponderance of evidence points to cold blooded murder as the cause of the untimely and tragic death of Rev. James Miller.

Ornamental or Useful Which?

In times gone by, it has been the custom to make presents simply from the value as an ornament These hard times through which we are passing are teaching most buyers that usefulness should be the leading factor in the selection of holiday presents.

We offer you a large and very complete assortment of boots, shoes, rubbers, etc., necessary articles these, and very useful no better present can be made to mother, sister, brother or daughter than a nice fitting, well made pair of shoes, such as we are daily showing. And for those whose tastes run towards the ornamental, we would suggest a pair of our beautiful slippers, much handsomer than can be made at home, better fitting, and fully as durable.

We aim to please all tastes, and nothing that we can think of will combine as much usefulness and make as pretty a present as a pair of these slippers.

Almost every one has been in to see us in the last two years of our very successful career. To those who have not been in to make our acquaintance, we would simply say that our latch string is out, the house is open, and everyone is welcome.

Come in and see us and bring the children. We can fit and please the smallest baby and the largest papa.

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